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Statement submitted by the Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Here is our proposal to the Annual Ministerial-Level Substantive Review (AMR) concerning the theme "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, through the global partnership for development". This proposal is based on our studies and experiences at I.D.E.A.L. Society.

1. **Propose** to certain countries the establishment of the same mutual aid system as the one established in India by 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Mr. Yunus.

2. **Granting** unused and available plots of land to deprived families with a sufficient quantity of non-transgenic seeds in association with NGO's focus on Agricultural support (the grains most resistant to all climates and the most nourishing as quinoa and spelt).

3. **Provide aid** to the underprivileged single-parent families (including those of developed countries) through trained agents specializing in decreasing this problem through rehabilitation and training programs.

4. **Abolish land desertification** through a proper management of water resources: with drilling exceeding 80 meters in depth to protect surface ground waters.

5. **Special event**: to increase awareness through an artistic presentation and offer some folk wisdom through storytelling.

6. **An artistic slideshow** with music and poetry (30 minutes) to promote the artists of I.D.E.A.L. and encourage fundraising events for humanitarian projects in India, Bangladesh, Mali, and Ghana.

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Thematic discussion: strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies

A statement submitted by World Jewellery Confederation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

The membership of CIBJO, gathered from March 12-15, 2007, in Cape Town, South Africa, have approved the present declaration, which:

Confirms the role of CIBJO as a non-governmental organization with special consultative status at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which is to strengthen all the instruments required to assure the international community that diamonds and other jewellery products are peace assets;

Welcomes the successful interaction, substantive discourse and beneficial partnership between its members in order to deliver a responsible and sustainable global jewellery industry;

Recalls the UN General Assembly resolution A/res/55/2, "the United Nations Millennium Declaration" launching the eight agreed Millennium Development Goals;

Recognises the leading role of the Kimberley Process, a cross-sectorial cooperative partnership in action, providing an effective framework for ensuring high social standards and consumer confidence in the industry;

Considers "CIBJO's Code of Ethics" as an authoritative milestone for ethic and social corporate responsibility in the industry;

Emphasises the importance of the Global Compact, which required signatories to respect UN principles on human rights, labour practices, environmental protection and anti-corruption;

And declares:

1. CIBJO's commitment to the 2007 ECOSOC high segment theme aiming at "*strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger through a global partnership for development,*" considering it as a blueprint for the industry.

2. The role of the jewellery industry in promoting social corporate responsibilities, by seeking to develop programs for productive employment, a decent work environment and sustainable development.

3. CIBJO's agreement to support and advise its members about its endeavours to deliver a sustainable industry in accordance with the United Nations agenda.

4. Its recognition of the importance of the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol as part as of the commitment to collaborate the promotion of sustainable development.

5. Its readiness to encourage its members to monitor the progress of their projects aiming at delivering a sustainable industry, and to report their experience and outcomes during the next and future CIBJO Congresses.

6. Its recognition that the jewellery industry, as a member of the international business community, shares a responsibility toward the greater society in seeking practical solutions towards the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, as well as to developing a global partnership for development.

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Statement

1. It is the mission of The MPTF to support/empower people marginalized by poverty, capacity deprivation, gender biases and disabilities- with focus on *equity, justice, right to healthy sustainable living, health care, and food security.* We mobilize the necessary resources for inclusive development--with priorities to enable the poor to participate in, and benefit from development and to develop the capacity of the local actors to manage pro-poor sustained economic growth in India.

2. The MPTF objectives are: A) To increase stakeholders' awareness of Micro-finance integral to the *development equation:* B) To assess & promote contribution of Micro-credit to *MDGs:* C) To encourage new partnerships-by promoting women's economic participation, *gender equity and household well-being.*

3. As per Secretary-General Kofi Annan, "*Together, we can and must build inclusive financial sectors that help people improve their lives*". The central question pertaining to the HLS as clearly articulated in "Year of Micro-credit 2005" asks: What are the prudent actions that the global community can undertake to dramatically increase financial service access, and thus ensure that micro-credit and micro-finance can be used most effectively to contribute to the achievement of the goals of the M.D. Declaration?

4. To that effect The MPTF (aegis) has engaged in networking/consultations with the NGOs in India, as well as, organized meetings/workshops to focus on the HLS agenda. The active network involves 10-12 NGOs; more are being incorporated-in the United States of America/India in our *Human Rights Based Pro-Poor Agenda.* Some key recommendations, to advance pro-poor economic sustainability are: A) Encourage *innovation and multi-level* partnerships with public, private and NGO sectors, B) Support sustainable access & promotion of *inclusive financial systems*, C) *Influence, promote* & help access equitable macro-economic policies/outcomes, and D) Promote *People's Banking Concepts* at the grass-root level through self-help-group (SHG) formations, E) Promote development approach to the *human rights* agenda; its interplay with the MDGs. Some of the good practices of our partner NGOs involve integration of pro-poor activities such as SHG (s), Food Security/ Income Generation Activities, Health care/ Education-- with strong participatory involvement by the poor stakeholders—Training & Capacity Building being essential part of the total approach.

5. The MPTF along with its network and partner NGOs has followed through on the relevant issues, and is in the process of setting up a Micro-credit Fund- to issue grants/loans to capacity deprived, poor people to support pro-poor economic growth in urban/rural state of West Bengal. We are looking at various options in terms of our strategies and plans for pro-poor outcomes.